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## Upcoming Events

Dec 8 (Saturday @ Metro) Sunday School Teacher's Seminar (10 AM)  
*For all present teachers, substitutes, and those who are interested in becoming a Sunday School teacher.*

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## Weekly Schedule

Wed, Dec 5th (Carrollton) Abie & Suby's residence (7 PM)

Thursday, Dec 6th (Forth Worth) Dr. Binu & Smitha's residence (7 PM)

Friday, Dec 7th (Fasting Prayer) Pr. Satish & Anitha's residence (10 AM)

Friday, Dec 7th (Mesquite) Achenkunju & Susan's residence (7 PM)

Saturday, Dec 8th (Metro) Sunday School Teacher's Seminar (10 AM)

Saturday, Dec 8th (Metro) Committee Meeting (1 PM)

Saturday, Dec 8th (Mesquite) PYCD Annual Youth Festival (6:30 PM)  
Sharon Fellowship Church.  
940 Barnes Bridge Rd, Mesquite, TX

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# Metro Church of God

December 2, 2007



We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfill all thy petitions. (Psalm 20:5)

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## Welcome

"...Lord teach us to pray..." (Luke. 11: 1)

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of the Savior once again as you have come to worship and seek Him in his temple.

The disciples express a very crucial concern. It has to do with their existential need for learning what and how to pray? Jesus' reply has more to do with the substance of prayer and less of its form. It has to do with the meaning of prayer. What is prayer? In simple words it is communication or conversation. It is often thought that prayer is a form of communication whereby we lay before God our deepest needs of life and asking for his provisions and protection. But that is not the whole matter of truth. Consider what St Patrick has to say about the meaning of prayer:

*"May the wisdom of God instruct me, the eye of God watch over me, the ear of God hear me, the word of God give me sweet talk, the hand of God defend me, the way of God guide me. Christ be with me. Christ before me. Christ in me. Christ under me. Christ over me. Christ on my right hand. Christ on my left hand. Christ on this side. Christ on that side. Christ in the head of everyone to whom I speak. Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me. Christ in the eye of every person who looks upon me. Christ in the ear of everyone who hears me today." Amen.*

In other words, in prayer, by prayer and through prayer we seek to conform to the very image of Christ. Prayer should enable us to become more Christ like. May the Lord help us as we look forward to every prayer not only as 'bringing blessing of provision and protection' but as 'forming Christ' in us.

In Christ Alone,

Pr Satish Kumar

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## Prayer for India: Lucknow

The next few weeks we will be looking at the cities where the Mission Trip team will be visiting. Keep these cities in your prayers!

**Lucknow**, the capital city of the state of Uttar Pradesh

Population of Lucknow: 3,681,416

Ethnic Groups: Indo-Aryan (72%); Dravidian (25%); others (3%)

Population Growth 25% over 10 years

Languages: Hindi, Urdu, and English

Literacy: 69%

Religions Breakdown: Hindu 74.9%, Muslims 19%, Christian .3%, Others 6.4%

Pray that people may find fulfillment and truth through Jesus Christ.

Pray for the missionaries working in Lucknow who face persecution and opposition.

Pray for the homeless and poverty stricken people.

Pray for an increase in believers.

Pray for bible translations and the Word to be available to all.

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## Sermon Notes

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### Words of Wisdom: The Cross

"Get back to the foundation of the Cross of Christ, doing away with any belief not based on it. In secular history the Cross is an infinitesimally small thing, but from the biblical perspective it is of more importance than all the empires of the world. If we get away from dwelling on the tragedy of God on the Cross in our preaching, our preaching produces nothing. It will not transmit the energy of God to man; it may be interesting, but it will have no power. However, when we preach the Cross, the energy of God is released. ". . . it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. . . . we preach Christ crucified . . ." (1 Cor 1:21, 23).  
-Oswald Chambers

"The feebleness of the church is being criticized today, and the criticism is justified. One reason for the feebleness is that there has not been this focus on the true center of spiritual power. We have not dwelt enough on the tragedy of Calvary or on the meaning of redemption." - Oswald Chambers

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### Laugh out Loud: The Long Trip

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."